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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2003, be extended for 1 month, to and including March 30, 2003. The appropriate small entity fee for this extension accompanies this Petition.

Small entity status is declared under 37 CFR § 1.27.

For the Commissioner's convenience this Petition is submitted in duplicate. If any additional fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-4213.

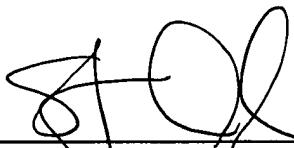
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